

## **SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO**

7:00 P.M. \* Monday \* September 8, 2015  
14128 SH 110 South \* Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Smith County ESD #2 called board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Randy Melton. Roll was called; four commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Leroy Biggers, and Matt Thiessen; with Paul Perryman absent. It was certified that a quorum was present.

### **2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

President Melton led the meeting in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### **3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

President Melton welcomed all guests to the meeting.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed up for public comments.

### **5. PURCHASING DIXIE VFD 4 SETS OF BUNKER GEAR**

President Melton stated that Dixie VFD is asking to purchase 4 sets of Lakeland bunker gear using the same quote that was given to Flint-Gresham VFD; \$1,526 for each set; this would be 3 replacement sets and 1 set for a new member; Chief Terry Rozell asked Chief Matt York if he was asking to purchase boots at this time and Chief York stated that he would ask for the boots at a later date. It was stated that they do have the funds for this purchase in their current budget. Mr. Thiessen made a motion to purchase 4 sets of Lakeland bunker gear from Metro Fire for \$6,104; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

### **6. PURCHASING WINONA VFD 6 SETS OF BUNKER GEAR**

President Melton stated that Winona VFD turned in a request for the purchase of 6 sets of Globe bunker gear; 6 pair of Globe boots and 7 pair of Fusion gloves from Casco for a total of \$13,129; he stated that Winona was approved for 6 sets of Veridian bunker gear for a cost of \$9,342 at the July 27, 2015 board meeting; he asked Chief Nelson Brumley if this purchase had been made and received; if this was an additional 6 sets of gear. Chief Brumley stated that he was not impressed with the Veridian and did not make the purchase; he is asking to have the funds put toward the purchase of the Globe. President Melton stated that the ESD was looking at Lakeland and Veridian bunker gear; it was more cost effective; the last purchases made were for these two brands and there is no way to know how they will perform without the departments trying them; he then asked if the Globe had been ordered; Chief Brumley answered yes. Mr. Thiessen asked when; Chief Brumley stated 1 ½ months ago. President Melton said that he was very disappointed; purchases of this size are to be brought to the board prior to the purchase for approval; Mr. Thiessen stated that when rules are in place they are to be followed; if you don't follow the rules this time everyone will start doing this. Chief Rozell then stated that in the July request he did not ask for the boots to be included and in the Globe quote he selected the most expensive boots made; he never contacts the ESD office to ask for anything or to discuss any of his purchases. Mr. Wilson made a motion to reject this purchase; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Thiessen; motion carried 4-0.

**7. BULK PURCHASE OF FIRE FOAM**

President Melton stated that we have 2 quotes on the bulk purchase of 5 barrels of Phos-Chek fire foam; Rowe Industries for \$4,331.85 at \$866.37 per barrel does not charge for shipping; Metro Fire at \$848 per barrel, but we have to pay the shipping cost of approximately \$150 a barrel. Mr. Thiessen made a motion to approve the purchase of fire foam from Rowe Industries; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wilson; motion carried 4-0.

**8. PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE**

President Melton stated that for the year 2015 our plan has been to keep the same tax rate of \$0.084648 per \$100 valuation; because of higher property values this was considered a tax increase and we have followed the proper procedures with our publications and 2 public hearings; at this time he asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-003 officially adopting a 2015 tax rate of \$0.084648; Mr. Wilson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-003; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

**9. DIRECTOR OF IT REPORT**

Larry Locke stated the construction of the server room at Whitehouse VFD is ahead of schedule and under budget; they are logging all of the volunteer hours that are going into the construction to show the amount of savings for this construction. He invited everyone to come by and check out the progress any time they are in the area.

**10. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

Chief Rozell stated that he will be in Wisconsin September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> doing the inspection on the new engine for Noonday VFD; Mr. Biggers inquired on how things were going at Jackson Heights VFD; the chief told him that they are doing great; morale is high and they are making their calls. Mr. Thiessen inquired on the status at Bullard VFD and their new chief. Chief Rozell said they were working on getting everything in order; told him that Denna Mangold has been assisting them in getting their QuickBooks going and finding them a new bookkeeper.

**11. PRESIDING OFFICER REMARKS**

President Melton and Mr. Biggers inquired about getting SCESD2 shirts; they would like a polo shirt and a long-sleeve dress shirt; we will look into prices for the shirts and the logos.

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

President Melton stated the next regular board meeting will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Monday, September 28, 2015; 7:00 p.m.; he declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer